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** BOLIVIA. Subject: Questioning La Voz del Layo. In a message to Don Moore, May 21, I asked for his help to check the name of the river on which the town of Yura (Bolivia) is located. As many of you may know, Don has posted a Bolivian map on the web, and as I didn`t recall the location, I asked him for the address, which is http://patepluma.virtualave.net/patemaps.htm

I found the map, had a look on it, but, unfortunately, I didn`t resolve the matter in a satisfactory way. So in my message for Don I wrote, among other things, as follows,

>I was checking the name of the river where the town of Yura is situated. Unfortunately, I can`t read it. I am sort of questioning their reported slogan "La Voz del Layo" (unless Layo is the name of the river or something). I was thinking of another possibility; ``La Voz del Ayllu``. Time will tell.

Now, in today`s SWB, just in, courtesy of Thomas Nilsson, I am glad to find a report by Rolf Wikstrˆm who says he has had a letter of verification from Rolando Cueto, ``periodista`` (journalist), and founder of R Yura, ``La Voz de los Ayllus``, running 1 kW on 4715 kHz. In Rolf`s QSL-letter, the meaning of Ayllu is explained in Spanish. In plain English, and quoting an appropriate country study - that of Peru - published by the Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress, http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/peru/pe_glos.html it says,

>ayllu,
a self-governing and land-owning peasant community in the Andean highlands. May refer to either a village, a kinship group, or a class-like organization, usually based on collective agriculture. Although a pre-Columbian term, ayllu has been used as a synonym for contemporary highland Peasant Communities.

I haven`t heard the station myself. Actually, I have not been active on the bands since the end of 1998. But as the originally proposed slogan, ``La Voz del Layo``, didn`t make much sense to me, I wanted to know by looking on a good map if there was a topographical clue in there or not (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, June 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4683.91, unID ``La Voz de IntegraciÛn``, [sic, not sure

why he is quoting Spanish instead of Portuguese -gh] Amazonas (?) (Brazil), June, 2000 at 1100 UT. I heard this station for the first time on June 1 and then daily during 10-12 days with a superb signal strength but lousy audio. Probably the station had transmitter problems. I am not sure if ``LV de Integracion`` is a program or the name of the station. At one occasion I thought they said ``AtenciÛn Macau - LV de IntegraciÛn``. ``Amazonas`` is also mentioned often which perhaps indicates the station location. Announces both MW and SW. The SW frequency probably starts with 47.. - 4785? During the last week no sign of the station. (Bjˆrn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, June 17, SW Bulletin, translated by ed. Thomas Nilsson for DXLD)

** CONGO DR/KATANGA. Following TDP information should be of interest when discussing the reappearance of Radio Lubumbashi, as it suggests that the output power may be well above 10 kW: In 1976 Siemens delivered two shortwave transmitters from Croatian manufacturing to Lubumbashi, a 10 kW one alongside with a 100 kW one. Back in 1960 already a 100 kW transmitter alongside with three 10 kW ones was delivered by Brown Boveri (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

We well remember R. Katanga during its brief independence in the 1960s; believe it was on 11865 (gh, DXLD)

** CONGO DR. We have seen no reports of R. LibertÈ, 15725, for many weeks now, and did anyone ever hear anything from it on the other two reported frequencies? Here is a recent reference to it, however (gh)

DRCongo: Rebel radio accused of spreading hate messages for Uganda | Excerpts from report by Congolese rebel-controlled radio from Bukavu on 19th June

The governor of Sud-Kivu yesterday, Sunday [18th June], spoke on the content of the resolution which was adopted in New York on Friday [16th June] by the UN Security Council on the subject of the recent developments of the Congolese crisis... He took the opportunity to criticize the media campaign by Radio LibertÈ [belonging to Jean-Pierre Bemba's MLC] on behalf of Uganda. The radio broadcast inflammatory messages before the Kisangani fighting like the infamous Kigali [hate radio] RTLM [Radio Television Libre des Mille Collines]. Just like this radio, Radio LibertÈ is thought to bear a large measure of responsibility for the bad situation currently prevailing in Province Orientale. Bukavu extremists who operate Radio Patriote should also [words indistinct]. Tribalists who encourage ethnic hatred [words indistinct] should change their ways... Source: Radio Bukavu, in French 0430 gmt 19 Jun 00 (BBC Monitoring via DXLD)

** ERITREA [non]. Hoi, 6045, unID stn heard on Jun 10th and 17th at

1300-1359 via facilities of DTK J¸lich. Transmissions seemingly on Sats only.

ID supposed to be ``Demtsi Democrasiyawet Eritrea``. Three transmissions mentioned in tentative Tigrigna language: one each towards Europe, NAm, and EAf/Eritrea.
To NoAm seemingly 9855 0100-0159.
To EaAF seemingly on 15 MHz at 1300-1359??.

I attach a short audio clip in .RA format [maybe on WOR 1041 -gh].

In CRW32 - Clandestine Radio Watch of Jul 20th, 1999, I found the Eritrea entry with same station ID mentioned. SEE BELOW.
vy73s de wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
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from CRW32, Jul 20, 1999: ERITREA

Voice of Democratic Eritrea
Organization: Eritrean Liberation Front
Address: ELF-RC Foreign Information Department, Postfach 200434,
53134 Bonn, Germany Tel: ++49-228-35618
Languages: Arabic, Tigrigna
Identification: (Arabic) Sowt Eritrea al-Dimuqratiya, Sowt
al-Jabhat at-Tahrir al-Eritrea wa majlis ath-thawri
(Tigrigna) Demtsi Democrasiyawet Eritrea
Demtsi Tegadilo Harinet Eritrea Sewrawe
1527-1531 8020 (Napolitano-ITA Jul 15 in CDX 251) (presumed)
(via Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, June 18, DXLD)

Hello, according to an answer of DTK J¸lich Operating Dept. of June 19th, the station keeps data of some clients VEILED, and isn't willing to publicize data details or even organization addresses. I tried to connect the phone number of ELF-RC Foreign Information Department at Bonn today, but failed. The local Bonn number missed the last/6th DIGIT. I tried to phone 35618-1 but no connect reached this morning. And all search on local Bonn telephone directory, on all criteria, FAILED. Maybe this organization moved to new Berlin address in past year. So sorry. vy73s de wb df5sx wwdxc (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, June 19, DXLD)

May I add, that Mr. Weyl rather clear states that they do so only on request of the regarding customer. Actually no specific method; Merlin also mentions no specific customer for the clandestine operations via Grigoriopol.

On customer request Deutsche Telekom excludes phone numbers from the directory files. In this case one has not any chance to find out this number from public sources (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 19, DX

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** GERMANY. On June 14 the general director of Deutsche Welle Dieter Weirich conducted a press conference for German and foreign journalists. There he mentioned about the station's upcoming move from Cologne to Bonn. He announced that a festive ceremony is planned on June 26 to mark the completion of a building where DW will be housed. By the end of this month the finishing and laying of the communication lines for future studios will begin in the building located on the shore of Rhine, near the former parliamentary center. In two years the central editorial office, 29 foreign services, a study center and station's administration will be located here. 500 guests are invited to participate in the ceremony. Speaking about some specific plans Dieter Weirich said, "We will move to a new location sometime in 2002. I hope it will happen in the beginning of the year. Over 100 workers of DW will be located in this 30,000 square meter building." Dieter Weirich officially announced a competition for the best name for the building. He said that the name should be short and should reinforce the image of DW. (from DW Russian broadcast, as published in Moscow DX Bulletin # 168 via Sergei Sossedkin, June 19, DXLD)

** INDIA/KASHMIR. The AIR web pages indicate that a 50 kw SW TX is under installation in Jammu. Some years back they had a low power tx there. Also 5 x 250 kw SW Tx are under installation in Delhi. Good DX to all (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS Hyderabad, India, June 19, Electronic DX Press via DXLD)

** PER/. 3751.02, unID Peru ``Ondas.....`` (Peru?), June, 2000 at 1125 UTC. Maybe a new station as this is the first time I have noted something on this frequency. They specifically begged for listeners reports when I heard the station for the first time on June 15. The day after the DJ said that reports had arrived from Santa Rosa (Peru?) among others. Religious format with good music. A lot of Mexican mariachi music, not unusual in Catholic churches. The station often jingles ``Ondas..... - con la buena programaciÛn de m˙sica cristiana``. I am sure of ``Ondas.....``, or maybe ``Ondas del.....``. Then a word follows ending with ``.....al``. UT -5. I also think they mentioned ``Peru`` once. The frequency announced ends with ``..50``.

On 5855.64, unID Per˙, New station! in June 2000, at 1115 UTC. On Saturday June 17, only a couple of hours before mailing this bandscan to SWB and Thomas Nilsson, probably a new station pops up on this frequency. Super quality music but the DJ`s microphone is a total catastrophe, therefore I can`t tell the name of the station. I noted the following repeated all the time: : ``estamos en calidad de prueba`` which means a test transmission. ``.... a travÈs de la nueva

emisora de.....`` is also noted. They also greet friends in the dept. of Cajamarca and Amazonas and ``people at the coast``. The station is likely located in a ``....-bamba`` town probably in the dept. of Cajamarca - these two names are often mentioned. Maybe a station meant to fill the gap from Radio Nueva Cajamarca, which has been off air for a long time, noted gliding around 5860v (Bj^rn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, June 17, SW Bulletin, translated by ed. Thomas Nilsson for DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. SIBC, 5020, 0956-1015+ 6/16 mx ``Another one bites the dust`` by Queen - a song about machine guns and killing, followed by News, with an appeal to militant groups to lay down their arms. :-) :-) :-) SIBC and ``Radio Happy Isles`` IDs. News audio was good, but was followed by program with weak audio level. (Larry Russell, MI, June 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AMERICA. Dear Glenn: Radio Blandengue from some place in South America will be back to the air the next weekend after one month of inactivity, performing his pirate activities on 14565 kHz LSB according to the following sked: ALL TIMES AND DATES ARE UT

Saturday Jun 24 on 14565 kHz LSB
2100 - 2130 Emisora Z del Dragon
2130 - 2200 Radio Blandengue
2200 - 2300 Radio Bermudadreieck

Sunday Jun 25 on 14565 kHz LSB
0000 - 0030 Emisora Z del Dragon
0030 - 0100 Radio Blandengue
0100 - 0200 Radio Bermudadreieck [Triangle]

All reports correct received for snail mail QSL guaranteed. And don't forget to include 2 IRC Addresses for reports:

Emisora Z del Dragon Casilla 159 Santiago 14 CHILE
e-mail: emisoraz@yahoo.es
Radio Bermudadreieck Post-Box 1136 06201 Merseburg Deutschland
Radio Blandengue Box 293 Merlin Ontario N0P 1W0 CANADA

Raul Gonzalez Operator of Radio Blandengue e-mails:
radio.blandengue@altavista.net radio.blandengue@usa.net
http://members.xoom.com/blandengue/ http://go.to/blandengue
(Gonz·lez, June 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA: Occasionally I am getting SLBC on 9770 instead of 9730 in English at 0030-0430 and at 1230-1530. This new fq was heard yesterday and today after about 2 weeks. (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS Hyderabad, India, June 19, Electronic DX Press via DXLD)

** TURKEY. V. of Turkey has been touting its service of FM, TV and VOT programming via TRT by satellite to Canada and the U.S. One needs a dish with a diameter of 90 to 120 cm. It has to be turned toward Telstar 5; frequency 12177 MHz, vertically polarized (Bob Thomas, CT, June 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Hi, here is yet another story about audio delay: Last night around 2230 I found Holzkirchen 1593 with RFE Serbocroatian not less than some 2.5 seconds behind Munich-Ismaning 1197. The same program is also carried by the Bulgarian Vidin transmitter on 1224 and here a single satellite hop behind 1197.

I assume that RFE at Prague first forwards its output to Ismaning for further distribution. There it is carried on 1197, uplinked and likely also forwarded through microwave link to another uplink for the DTH satellite service. The Bulgarians should pick up this DTH satellite signal, hence the delay on 1224.

But really weird is the heavy delay on Holzkirchen 1593, especially as this site is less than 40 kilometres away from Ismaning. My guess is, that this 2.5 seconds transmission time are the result of a little detour via the USA, perhaps around the world. Well, they were playing "Radio Gaga" from Queen while I found this... Regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [non]. WGN program preview: Monday, June 26 9:05pm CDT

Extension 720: ``Catholics have fallen out of the healthy old habit of reminding each other how sinful Popes can be,`` notes one of tonight's guests, Pulitzer Prize winner Garry Wills in the introduction to his new book Papal Sin: Structures of Deceit. In his book, Wills alludes occasionally to the most egregious papal scoundrels: ``In the tenth century a dissolute teenager could be elected Pope (John XII) because of his family connections and die a decade later in the bed of a married woman.`` But most his energy is devoted to an analysis of recent popes` doctrinal pronouncements, which Wills believes have eroded the Church`s moral authority and contributed to the drastic decline in vocations to the priesthood today. Join Wills and other guests, of a different stripe, as we consider the legacy of the modern Papacy tonight on Extension 720. (http://www.wgnam.com via gh -- that`s UT Tue June 27 0205-0400 [start time varies to 0210; some shows are archived], DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. On Monday June 19 VOA begins a new daily half hour program for Zimbabwe, where elections are scheduled for June 24-25. The United States and other countries have warned that political violence and intimidation could jeopardize the fairness of those

elections. Daily 1730-1800 on 909 via Botswana, 11765 via S„o TomÈ and 17580 via Sri Lanka; bumps Talk to America from 909, so it adds 15460 via Sri Lanka M-F 1700-1800 as compensation (Kim Andrew Elliott, VOA Communications World June 17 via gh, DXLD) Language?? Is this Radio Free Africa in disguise? Totally separate programming from VOA? (gh) All in English. Hope to have more about it on the next CW (Elliott, June 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. DX Information from the British DX Club (BDXC-UK). Good reception here tonight from the new Zimbabwe clandestine station Voice of the People (which actually seems to identify itself as ``Radio VOP``). Heard from 1700-1730 on 7215 clear, fair signal, with only slight splatter. Programming was in vernaculars (presume Shona/Ndebele) with a few brief English IDs, e.g. at 1721 ``You are listening to Radio VOP, we continue with our broadcast``. A couple of evenings ago I also heard the 1915-1945 broadcast on 7215 kHz - not so easy at that time with co-channel interference until 1930, but clear for the last 15 minutes. (Dave Kenny, Caversham, June 19, AOR7030+30m Long wire; The above information may only be reproduced if full credit is given to the original contributor AND to the British DX Club (BDXC-UK).; via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. Radio VOP, V. of the People, 7215: I went back and listened carefully to last week`s Media Network. Jonathan Marks avoids any mention of a possible transmitter site for this, indicating to me he may have something to hide, such as Madagascar (gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Today (UTC, i.e. June 19) Harald Kuhl wrote without mentioning a source, that ``according a official statement`` the Zimbabwe ``Voice of the People`` on 7215 is not aired by Sentech Meyerton [SOUTH AFRICA]. Glenn already made his point, so there is no need for any comments... Regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###